

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

To place the application in better form, Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification, which includes a new abstract. For the Examiner's convenience, also provided is a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the portions thereof which are being changed. The substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy. Applicant's undersigned attorney has reviewed the substitute specification and submits that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

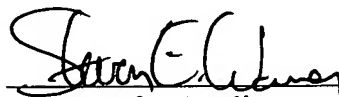
Claims 1-22 are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 7, 13, 19 and 22 are independent. Claims 1, 7, 13, 19 and 22 have been amended to clarify features of the subject invention. Specifically, Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, 13, 19 and 22 to correct minor informalities and to place these claims in better form. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fee be deemed necessary for filing this paper.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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